

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1 - 24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus comprising a housing including a testing chamber, a supply line for supplying a sterilizing medium to the testing chamber, at least one indicator located in at least the testing chamber for indicating completion of sterilization, the housing being comprised of an assembly of at least two superimposed parts, the supply line being comprised of a channel formed in at least one of the housing parts, the channel having an opening at one end thereof communicating with the testing chamber and an opening at the other end thereof for communicating with a source of the sterilizing medium outside the housing.

26. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the supply line and/or the testing chamber is comprised of at least one ridge formed on interior surfaces of at least one of the housing parts and side walls of at least one of the housing parts.

27. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25,

wherein length of the supply line relative to cross-section thereof is sufficiently great to prevent complete deaeration of the supply line during sterilization.

28. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the indicator is a single indicator which extends over the entire length of the supply channel.

29. (New) Sterilization apparatus according to claim 25, wherein a plurality of the indicators are distributed over the entire length of the supply channel.

30. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein, apart from said opening communicating with a source of the sterilization medium, the housing is hermetically sealed.

31. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the supply channel is of square or rectangular cross-section.

32. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the supply channel follows a spiral or meandering path.

33. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the housing parts are fixedly secured together.

34. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the at least one ridge is formed on only one of the housing parts.

35. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the housing parts comprises a transparent material which makes the indicator visible without opening the housing.

36. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising a breaking line along which the housing parts are manually breakable to provide access to the indicator.

37. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising a least one tear strip in the housing parts, tearing away of the tear strip providing access to the indicator.

38. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising an opening in one of the housing parts for providing access to the indicator and an openable closure for the opening.

39. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the closure comprises a film suitable not adapted for re-closing the opening.

40. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising a serial number applied to at least one of the housing parts.

41. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 40, wherein the serial number comprises a bar code.

42. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising a scale applied to at least one of the housing parts.

43. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the housing is comprised of an assembly of at least three superposed parts and the channel is comprised of at least two superposed sets of channels communicating with each other.

44. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the housing parts are detachable from each other and further comprising a seal between the housing parts.

45. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 44,
wherein the seal comprises a mat.

46. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25,
wherein housing parts comprise at least one heat-resistant plastic.

47. (New) Sterilization testing apparatus according to claim 25,
wherein the housing parts comprise at least one injection molded heat-resistant
plastic.